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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, AS

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRELIMINARY MEETINGS PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING

ICAO ASSEMBLY

REF: STATE 110330

1. ATG (FORMERLY DCA) OFFICIALS CONTACTED TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN SUPPORTING "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" MEETING IN RE FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY. ALTHOUGH VERY SYMPATHETIC TO POINT OF SAYING THAT QUESTION WAS UPPERMOST IN MINDS OF ATG OFFICIALS, UNABLE TO STATE WHETHER AGREED WITH U.S. VIEWPOINT OR NOT. SOME FEARS WERE EXPRESSED IN ATG THAT A JOINT MEETING OF THIS KIND WOULD CEMENT LDC OPPOSITION. ATG OFFICIAL AGREED THAT SOME KIND OF TACTICS WERE NECESSARY TO INFLUENCE THE GROUP BUT WHAT THEY SHOULD BE WERE UNKNOWN TO HIM AT THIS TIME.

2. ALTHOUGH A PROMISE WAS GIVEN TO APPRISE CONGEN OF ATG'S VIEWPOINT AFTER PROPER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MINISTER AND
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SECRETARY IN CANBERRA, NO SUCH INFORMATION FORTHCOMING AS YET.

CONVERSATION ON LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON STILL RESULTED IN
NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

3. COMMENT: SINCE LABOR GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE AND RE-
ORGANIZED DCA INTO ATG AND MOVED SIR DONALD ANDERSON TO
SYDNEY IN CHARGE OF QANTAS, ANY KIND OF INFORMATION ON
POSITIONS OR ACTIONS HARD TO COME BY AND USUALLY ONLY AFTER
SOME PRODDING. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE OF
IMPORTANCE IS THAT THE LABOR GOVERNMENT IS ALSO MAKING A POINT
THAT IS IS THE "FRIEND" OF LDC'S AND PARTICULARLY WANTS TO
UNDERSTAND THE AFRICAN STATES AND THEIR PROBLEMS. THEREFORE,
THE ATG IS DOUBLY CAUTIOUS ABOUT MAKING EVEN PRIVATE STATEMENTS
WHICH MIGHT BE CHANGED BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.
WILL ADVISE AUSTRALIA'S POSITION ASSOON AS RECEIVED.
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